QUESTIONS BY DEFENCE COUNSEL OF P.W. NO. 4 - CHOY TAK THROUGH THE COURT (cont.):

Q. When the witness was released, did someone come to receive him?
A. My wife came to receive me, because she brought along herself the amount of money.

Q. He said his wife brought with her a sum of money. Did she give the money to him?

President: Mr Murata, the purpose of your questions through the Court are simply to check up on anything fresh that the Court's questions may have brought out. It does not imply a general review of the examination, cross-examination and the re-examination.

Prosecutor: Witness has already replied to this question in cross-examination, on page 24, Sir.

President:. Yes. Any further questions relating to what the Court's questions touched upon?
Defence Counsel: Yes, I have.

Q. The Witness said that when he was released he returned, being supported on the shoulders of his wife. Did he return by car or by other means?
A. My house was in the Central district, it was not very far away from the police station and I went back on foot, supported by my wife.

Q. Did his wife come near to the cell where he was kept?
A. Ordinarily I was on the ground floor in the cell, but on that occasion I was on the first floor of the Station.

Defence Counsel: I conclude my questions, Sir.

P.W. NO. 5 - DR K.W. CHAUN.

After he had been sworn, the witness was examined by the Prosecutor as follows:

QUESTIONS BY PROSECUTOR:

Q. What is your name?
A. My name is K.W. Chaun.

Q. Your nationality?
A. I am Chinese, born in Hongkong.

Q. What is your occupation?
A. My occupation is dental surgeon.

Q. Your present residence?
A. I am living in Kowloon Tong now.

Q. Were you arrested by the Japanese?
A. At that time I was practising in Marina House in Queen's Road Central, and I was phoned by the Japanese Medical Department to go to their office....

Q. My question, Dr Chaun, is: Were you ever arrested by the Japanese?

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EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. 5 - DR K.W. CHAUN (cont.):

A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember when you were arrested?
A. That was what I was referring to. They got....

Q. I refer to the time and date when you were arrested. Do you remember?
A. I was arrested on the 10th February.

Q. What year?
A. 1943.

Q. Where were you kept?
A. I was kept at the time in the Western Gendarmerie Central Police Station.

Q. For how long were you kept there?
A. I was detained about 30 days.

Q. Can you tell the Court if you were ever interrogated during your detention at the Central Police Station?
A. Yes, I was.

Q. How many times approximately?
A. About six or seven times.

Q. Do you know who interrogated you?
A. It was a gendarme officer by the name of Shek Cheng-pok. I don't know his Japanese name.

Q. Of what nationality was this individual?
A. He was a Japanese officer.

Q. Can you tell the Court about what you were interrogated by him?
A. The very first question he asked me was whether I ever helped another dental practitioner in my office, as this doctor had escaped from Hongkong. He asked me whether I knew where he was and I told him No.

Q. Doctor, can you tell very briefly how you were handled during each of these six interrogations you mentioned. Start with the first interrogation?
A. The first interrogation was when I was arrested.. He hanged me up with my wrists tied behind my back.

Q. Where were you hung up?
A. I think it was in the room where they always took prisoners the first time.

Q. And to what were you hung up?
A. A rope from the ceiling.

Q. Can you describe how this rope was suspended from the ceiling, do you remember?
A. I think it was suspended from the ceiling and my wrists were tied behind my back and then they made me stand up on a chair and then tied me to a rope. They then kicked the chair away from my feet.

Q. And for how long did you remain suspended in the air like this?

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EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. 5 - DR K.W. CHAUN (cont.):

A. I don't think it was much more than 15 minutes because my wrists were not suffering very badly after that. As it was my fingers were all numbed for about two to three months afterwards.

Q. Do you recall whether anything else happened while you were suspended like this?
A. He kept on questioning me about this Dr Sun. He did not believe that I did not know where he was. He was beating my face, my head, with a strap.

Q. Now, then, what happened after that?
A. Then he took me to a cell.

Q. When was the next interrogation, do you recall?
A. The next interrogation was about six days afterwards.

Q. And where did this interrogation take place?
A. It was in the evening when he took me out, about 8.30 in the evening.

Q. What do you mean by he? Who was interrogating you this time?
A. The same officer.

Q. And what happened during this interrogation?
A. He was helped by a Chinese interpreter and I was stripped to the waist. I was made to hold a heavy blackwood stool over my head.

Q. And how heavy was this blackwood stool?
A. It was quite heavy. I don't know how heavy it was, but it was quite a strain to hold it up above my head.

Q. And for how long were you required to hold this weight up?
A. While holding it he beat me about with a stick and a rattan cane. I think it must have lasted about half or three-quarters of an hour.

Q. And then did you manage to hold it up for about half-an-hour?
A. Not continuously.

Q. What happened after that?
A. When I could not hold it any longer he made me go on all fours and he then rode astride of me and beat me with a truncheon on the head and on my joints. All the time he was applying questions to me as to what I was doing. I told him I was attending to my general practice and then he asked me why all the Europeans came to me because I was attending to all the people from the Hongkong Bank and the American Bank.

Q. Apart from your going on all fours and being beaten up, did anything else happen to you during that interrogation?
A. I insisted I was only practicing and then the officer thought I was doing something else. He would not believe me [redacted] about that. He persisted in asking me what else and I said nothing else and he made me lie on the ground, lit up a fire and threatened to burn me on the chest.

Q. Was this threat carried out?
A. Well, he managed to get a piece of cinder on my chest but I was not badly burned.

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EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. 5 - DR K.W. CHAUN (Cont'd).

Q. What sort of fire did he burn?
A. Just a wooden fire.

Q. Can you tell the Court very briefly what effect did these beatings and this sort of treatment have on your body or on your health?
A. Well, I was quite exhausted and my head was swollen up for quite a few days afterwards.

Q. What happened to you after this beating up on the second occasion?
A. He took me back to my cell about 11.30. He was not satisfied.

Q. Were you interrogated again?
A. About five or six days afterwards he took me out.

Q. Will you tell very briefly how you were handled during this third interrogation?
A. He gave me the water torture.

Q. What time of the day or night was it when you were water tortured?
A. It was about mid-afternoon about 2.30 or 3 o'clock.

Q. Will you please describe very briefly about this water torture? How it was given to you?
A. I was made to lie on the bathroom floor with all my clothes on. They tied my wrists behind my back and my ankles and then the Japanese sat on top of my tummy, then he applied a piece of cloth over my mouth and nostrils and the interpreter who helped him started pouring water on the cloth from a bowl, so I was not able to breathe. The only question the fellow was drumming into me all the time was "Were you doing anything for anybody?" I kept on insisting "No," and apparently he was not satisfied because when at the end of the torture I pretended to faint he let me go.

Q. Are you in a position were to tell the Court how much water you swallowed while you [redacted] being so tortured?
A. Actually I did not swallow any water because I am a swimmer and I tried to breathe through my mouth instead of the nose and I did not take in any water.

Q. Apart from this water torture, is there anything else you would care to tell the Court how you were handled during this interrogation?
A. In this one, it was only the water that was making me suffocate.

Q. Were you interrogated again after this?
A. Right the next day.

Q. Will you describe very briefly what happened to you then on the following day?
A. The following day was the same thing. The only thing is that I got mixed up. The second time I was lying on the bathroom floor. The first I was made to lie on a bench.

Q. Anything else?
A. The second time, after the water torture, he started throwing me around with ju-jitsu tricks.

Q. Tell the Court once again who was responsible for all this torture on this occasion?
A. The same man.

Q. Were you interrogated again after this?
A. A few days later I was taken out to be questioned by another

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EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. 5 - DR K.W. CHAUN (Cont'd).

A (Cont'd): man.

Q. Of what nationality was this man?
A. He was a Japanese corporal, I think.

Q. And then what happened during this interrogation?
A. I was not put through any torture then. I was taken out in the morning and I was taken out in the afternoon again and he was asking me almost the same sort of questions. In the evening about 9 p.m. he took me out again and this time he tried to threaten me that if I would not own up to what I was doing he would behead me the next morning. He made me write two letters. I wrote them and then later on, past midnight, he told me that being a Christian "you would not want to lose your head on a Sunday morning," so I was let off supposedly to wait to another day to have my head off.

Q. When were you released from arrest, Dr Chaun?
A. It was a few days after this when I was taken out to see the head of the Political or Tokko Department. He asked me whether I wanted to go. I said sure. Then he made me swear not to say anything of what I had gone through, what I had seen or anything at all about my detention.

Q. Do you know this individual's name?
A. I know his Chinese name is Sun Mo.

Q. Would you be able to recognize this individual if you saw him again?
A. I doubt very much because he was in uniform then and I think he had a moustache at that time.

Q. During your detention of 30-odd days, do you know who was the officer commanding the whole of this Central Police Station?
A. No, because I was never allowed to see him.

Q. During this period of detention, did you know any of your acquaintances who were locked up there at the Central Police Station?
A. There was a girl by the name of Dorothy Lee.

Q. Do you know how long she was there?
A. I think she was there just about the same period.

Q. Where is this Dorothy Lee now?
A. I think Miss Lee has gone to England.

Q. Do you know how she was treated during her arrest at Central Police Station?
A. I think she was beaten up a couple of times.

Q. Are you in a position to tell the Court about the living conditions at the Central Police Station since you say you were there about 30-odd days?
A. The first week I was there I was detained with two other chaps. I have seen some cells holding about five or six persons.

Q. How large was the cell?
A. The cell was about five by nine.

Q. What was provided in the way of bedding?
A. If a fellow was lucky he would get a canvas stretcher to sleep on. The others would have a wooden bed -- not exactly a bed but just a wooden piece of board.

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EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. 5 - DR K.W. CHAUN (Cont'd).

Q. What clothing was supplied?
A. No clothing except what you had on your body.

Q. How were the bed clothes?
A. Just two or three blankets.

Q. What was the condition of the blankets?
A. I think they were more horse-~~hair~~ blankets than anything else, rather filthy.

Q. What food was given to the prisoners?
A. The ordinary Chinese prisoners were allowed two lumps of rice a day about that size (indicates).

Q. Can you try, since you are a doctor and you may be able to tell the Court, to say what was the weight or quantity supplied?
A. I think the quantity was about five taels.

Q. Can you work it out in ounces?
A. About seven or eight ounces, I think.

Q. That was the quantity for each meal?
A. No, for the whole day.

Q. What else was provided, apart from that quantity of rice?
A. We were lucky to be able to get a [redacted] pail of water with each meal. Sometimes some of the officers might slacken and then the Chinese boys going in to serve the officers might give us some tea.

Q. I want you to concentrate once again on the beatings-up you received while detained at Central Police Station. Can you tell the Court how your body reacted to this after you were released after these continuous beatings?
A. It seems to me that they were trained to concentrate on your joints and my elbow, my knees, my shin-bones, they were all quite sore for quite some times afterwards. As a matter of fact I had abrasions on my shin-bones for about two months afterwards. The marks on my back did not go until about two to three [redacted] months afterwards. I know one of my eyes was black and blue for quite a while.

Q. Finally, will you have a look at the dock and see whether you ever saw any of these prisoners while you were detained at Central Police Station?
A. That I could not say.

Prosecutor: I have finished with the witness, Sir.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY DEFENCE COUNSEL.

Q. You said while you were detained at Central Police Station you were interrogated about five or six times and on the third occasion you were given the water torture. You said you received that water torture in the bathroom, is that right?
A. It was, to my mind, a bathroom. It might have been a washroom. There were taps there, so I took it for a bathroom.

Q. Was that room near the interrogation room or somewhere else?
A. I was in the detention barracks -- what the British used as detention barracks. You go up some steps and turn left. I was taken up the steps and the first building we came to was on the ground floor. Next to the washroom was a big room used for interrogation.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. 5 - DR K.W. CHAUN (Cont'd).

Q. Then you say that the room where you were given the water torture was adjoining the interrogation room?
A. Yes.,

Q. You said you were interrogated five or six times, but were these interrogations carried out in the same room?
A. No.

Q. Where were you interrogated for the first time?
A. The first time was lower down. The first time was a very small room. There was a desk there and it was a room about nine by nine.

Q. By nine you mean length?
A. Yes, feet, just about square.

Q. Where was the second interrogation carried out?
A. The second time I had to walk across the compound in the Central Police Station. You know the drive going up to the Station. Then you go to the main building in front of Hollywood Road. There was a room in front which was quite big with a fireplace.

Q. How big was that room?
A. It was quite a large-sized room. I cannot tell exactly how big it is. Nearly one-third of this room.

Q. Where were you interrogated for the third time?
A. That was the water torture.

Q. You mean by water torture you were given the water torture in the interrogation room?
A. In the adjoining room, the washroom.

Q. Where were you interrogated for the fourth time?
A. In the same room.

Q. By the same room you mean the one used in the third interrogation?
A. Yes.

Q. The fifth interrogation?
A. The fifth -- actually I forgot to mention before, I am sorry, Sir -- the fifth time the same man took me out all by himself with no interpreter.

Q. Where were you taken?
A. I was taken to the room next to the one for the water torture.

Q. By the room next to the one used for the water torture you mean the one you were interrogated on the third or fourth occasions?
A. Yes.

Q. You said in your evidence that five or six people were crowded in a cell of five by nine. Is that right?
A. It is about five by nine. Maybe a little bigger but can't be very much bigger.

Q. On what floor were you detained at Central Police Station?
A. I think it was on the ground floor.

Q. How big was the cell that you were kept in?
A. About the same size.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. 5 - DR K.W. CHAUN (Cont'd).

Q. May I take it about five by nine?
A. Yes.

Q. Were you detained together with others in the same room?
A. Yes, I had one cell-mate.

Q. Who was he?
A. He was Chinese and he was kept there for questioning.

Q. About how old?
A. He was about 50.

Q. Was that Chinese there already when you were put in there or did he come in after?

Prosecutor: How is that relevant to the charge, Sir, with the evidence the witness has given?

President: Can you show any relevancy in that question?

Defence Counsel: It was said in the evidence that many people were crowded in the room.....

President: Your reply to the Court, I take it, is that you have withdrawn that question?

Advisory Officer: This is his explanation, Sir.

President: It appeared to be a further question to the witness.

Defence Counsel: As the witness mentioned many people were crowded in a small room five by nine so this present question has connection to that.

Prosecutor: Yes, but this witness also said that in some rooms there were two and in other cells there were five. The witness has not said there were other than one prisoner in the cells.

Defence Counsel: I withdraw that question. I have concluded my cross-examination.

RE-EXAMINATION DECLINED.

QUESTIONS BY THE COURT.

Q. Dr Chaun, in your reference to measurements, five by nine and nine by nine, were you referring to the ordinary English feet?
A. Yes.

Q. Regarding this occasion when you were hung up with your hands tied behind your back, after the chair had been removed you were suspended clear of the floor?
A. Yes.

Q. What distance clear of the floor were your feet?
A. Just about a foot.

Q. You mentioned two Chinese interpretations, the Court gathers, of Japanese names. One was Shek Cheng Pok. Do you recall the name of the other one you mentioned?
A. You mean the one who threatened me with my head, that was

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QUESTIONS BY THE COURT OF P.W. NO. 5 - DR K.W. CHAUN (Cont'd).

A (Cont'd): Kwok Cheng something. I forget the last two names.

President: Court Monitor, can you give the Court some Japanese equivalent for these names. It may be of use to the Court later on.

Monitor: Shek Cheng Pok corresponds to the Japanese name Ishii Hiroshi. Kwok Cheng corresponds to the Japanese name of Kunimasa.

President: Thank you. Major Lai?

Prosecutor: Just one point with reference to what the Court Monitor has said. I am not an authority, but does not Shek Cheng Pok correspond to the Japanese name of Ishii rather than what has been given?

Monitor: I did say Ishii.

Prosecutor: Oh, I am sorry, I thought the name was Hiroshi.

President: Mr Murata, any questions arising?

Defence Counsel: No, sir.

P.W. NO. 6 - TAM CHOI

After the witness had taken a solemn declaration, he was examined by the Prosecutor, as follows:

EXAMINATION BY PROSECUTOR.

Q. What is your name?
A. Tam Choi.

Q. Your nationality?
A. Chinese.

Q. Your occupation?
A. Police constable, Hongkong Police.

Q. Have you a police number?
A. C668.

Q. How were you employed under the Japanese regime in Hongkong?
A. I was a Gendarmerie police.

Q. For what period were you so employed?
A. From January, 1941.

Q. Until what month and year did you hold that appointment?
A. Until February, 1943.

Q. Where were you stationed from about the end of December, 1941, until February, 1943?
A. I was on cell duty at Victoria Gaol.

Q. Where was this Victoria Gaol located?
A. It was next to the Central Police Station.

Q. Can you tell the Court who was the officer-in-charge of the Central Police Station and Victoria Gaol?
A. Ushiyama was the Commandant.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. ~~31~~ 32 - CHENG HO-CHING

Q. On June 6 you saw your husband after he had been taken to hospital and on that occasion his condition was such that he could hardly speak?
A. Yes.

Q. Did you not hold a long conversation with him?
A. No, how could he speak?

Q. You mean to say that you did not speak with your husband at all?
A. He could not speak at all. He could only call my name. I asked him how many children he had; he said six but he could not mention their names.

Q. Do you recognise this statement as one made by you?
A. Yes.

Q. In it you said as follows: "I asked him why he was arrested and he said he was suspected of being a spy." Did you speak to your husband concerning this?
A. Those were the words spoken by him when I was brought by the interpreter, Lau Chun, to see him about 7 p.m. on the 11th.

RE-EXAMINATION BY PROSECUTOR:

Q. Do you know if your husband was engaged in espionage or was a spy?
A. I do not know because what my husband did he never told me.

P.W. NO. ~~32~~ 33 - DR KWOK-WING CHAUN

After having been sworn, witness was examined by the Prosecutor as follows:

EXAMINATION BY PROSECUTOR:

Q. Will you tell the Court your full name?
A. Kwok-wing Chaun.

Q. Your age?
A. 42.

Q. Your address?
A. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building.

Q. Your occupation?
A. Dental ~~practitioner~~ practitioner.

Q. Will you tell me if you were ever arrested by the Japanese?
A. I don't not know whether I was arrested or otherwise because I was taken out of my office under false pretences. The Medical Department rang me up one afternoon and asked me to go over to ask me some questions. I went over and as I came down from the Medical Department one Japanese and one Formosan blocked my way and told me that I must go with them. I asked them who they were. The Japanese said he was a gendarme officer. I said, "Even then you will have to let me inform

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EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. 33 - DR KWOK-WING CHAUN (Contd)

A. (Contd) my office and my people where you are going to take me." He said no and then shoved me into a car, covered my face and apparently abducted me. The next thing I knew I landed in the Central Police Station.

Q. Will you tell me what was the date of your arrest or abduction?
A. February 10, 1942.

Q. How long were you kept at Central?
A. About 30 days. I was released on March 11.

Q. Do you know the name of the man who arrested you?
A. I know his Chinese name--Shek Cheng Pok.

Witness writes the name in Chinese which the interpreter states is Ishii Hiroshi in Japanese. It is accepted by the Defence.

Q. Now, at Central Police Station, were you ever interrogated?
A. I was. I was immediately taken into a room and he asked me certain questions about Dr Suen.

Q. Apart from the questions at that interrogation, did anything else happen?
A. He asked me the whereabouts of Dr Suen and at that moment I told him I did not know. Dr Suen had left the Colony and I did not know where he went.

Q. What happened at that interrogation, if anything, apart from the questions?
A. He called me a liar when I said I did not know, bound my hands together at the back and hung me up with my wrists behind my back at the wrists. It lasted about 10 minutes because I knew I would have felt it much more if it had been longer than that.

Q. Anything happened while you were hung up?
A. While hanging up he beat my face with a leather strap.

Q. You say you were kept hung up for about 10 minutes. What happened after that?
A. After that, I suppose just like all others detained there, they took off all my things and then put me into a cell, detention block there at Central Police Station.

Q. Were you ever taken out for any further interrogation?
A. After about six days I was taken out again one night.

Q. Tell me what happened?
A. I was stripped to the waist and he had a Chinese policeman with him and they started beating me up with bamboo poles, truncheons and what not.

Q. Yes, what else?
A. It lasted, I think, about three to four hours.

Q. Apart from beating up, did anything else happen?
A. Then after that he took me back to the cell and left me alone for six or seven days, I cannot remember exactly the period.

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EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. ~~32~~ 33 - DR KWOK-HING CHAUN (cont.):

Q. After that?
A. Then I was taken out again.

Q. What happened this time?
A. I got the water torture this time.

Q. How long did it last?
A. I cannot tell exactly how long, but it was bad enough. I had had it quite a few times, I think it must have lasted for about two hours.

Q. Who actually poured the water?
A. It was the usual thing: With a napkin over mouth and nose...Who poured the water?

Q. Yes.
A. It was an interpreter.

Q. Who was in charge of proceedings of this water torture?
A. This Japanese officer.

Q. And on the two previous occasions when you were interrogated before this water torture, who was in charge then?
A. Same man.

Q. You have told us about three interrogations, were there any more after them?
A. After the first water torture I was taken out again the next day for the same thing.

Q. What happened this time?
A. I had the same kind of water torture and afterwards I got thrown around by jujutsu.

Q. Who was in charge of proceedings this time when you got the water torture?
A. Same man.

Q. And when you were thrown with jujutsu holds, who did that?
A. The Japanese officer.

Q. After this time were you ever taken out?
A. After this time, it was another six or seven days before he took me out again.

Q. What happened on this occasion?
A. Then it was only the Japanese by himself. He had me stand before him and he gave me a long lecture on the war in Greater East Asia.

Q. Anything else?
A. He was speaking perfectly in Chinese - in Cantonese, I mean. Then he worked himself up to a frenzy and picking up a strap, a horse-whip rather, in one hand and a truncheon in the other, he started beating me around the room.

Q. How long did this last?
A. It lasted somewhere around two to two and a half hours.

Q. Now, Dr Chaun, you were there, you say, for 30 days. I want you to tell me, compared to what you ate at this time, how much in quantity did you have to eat whilst in gaol?

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EXAMINATION OF P.W. NO. ~~22~~ 33 - DR KWOK-WING CHAUN (cont.):

A. I would say it was about - I am a very small eater, and my calculation is about one-fifth what a normal ~~x~~ man would eat.

Q. Did you ever see or know of any arrangements to give sick prisoners medical attention or drugs?
A. I don't think so, because right about my time, there was a Miss Lee arrested about the same time, or a day after, and she was sick with~~x~~ dysentery. She asked for a doctor all the time and nobody showed up to attend to her.

Q. How did you come to see or know this Miss Lee in gaol?
A. ~~xxxx~~ As it happened I knew her and she somehow found out that I was there and she managed to smuggle some bread into my cell once or twice.

Q. What arrangements were made for you either to have exercise or to wash yourself whilst you were there?
A. Hardly any at all. I think I was led out to wash myself only about three times, or four times at the most, and then exercise it was only once.

Q. Did you ever see any one use burning cinders in this place or anything?
A. At Central?

Q. Yes.
A. I did not.

Cross-examination declined.

P.W. NO. ~~23~~ 34 - ABDUL KADIR OMAR.

After he had taken a solemn declaration, the Witness was examined by the Prosecutor as follows:-

Q. Will you tell the Court your full name?
A. My name is Abdul Kadir Omar.

Q. Your age?
A. 31.

Q. Your occupation?
A. Supervisor of the Hongkong Dairy Farm, ~~and~~ Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited.

Q. And your address?
A. 424, Lockhart Road, second floor.

Q. What was your occupation at the Japanese invasion of Hongkong?
A. My occupation was a supervisor in the Hongkong Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited, also during the Japanese occupation.

Q. Were you ever arrested by the Japanese?
A. Yes, I was arrested by the Japanese gendarmes.

Q. When was that?
A. Between June and July, 1943.

Q. Whereabouts were you taken?
A. I was taken from Pokfulam to Central Police Station.

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